

MINUTES OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS MEETING  
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008 TELECONFERENCE  
(DRAFT VERSION UNTIL SIGNED BY BOARD PRESIDENT)

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order by Board President Dr. Verle Carlson at 09:30am. Dr. Carlson welcomed everyone to the meeting. In addition to Dr. Carlson, Board Members Dr. Mark Olson, Dr. Vern Otte, Dr. Christen Skaer, Dr. Mary Sue Painter, Dr. Richard Barta and Richard Coffelt were in attendance. Also in attendance were agency staff Dr. Dirk Hanson, Larry O'Hara, Cheryl Mermis, and Board General Counsel Mary Feighny.

A motion was made by Dr. Barta to adopt the proposed agenda for this meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Coffelt. This motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

No one from the general public was present for the public forum for non-agenda items.

Dr. Carlson updated Board members on the exempting of veterinarians reporting to the prescription monitoring program (PMP). This past legislative session, veterinarians were granted an exemption from this PMP for a five year period.

Dr. Carlson and Dr. Hanson then updated Board members regarding the potential legislative action that would have removed the option for the Board to conduct its own disciplinary hearings. Board members reviewed a KC Star Newspaper article about the removal of the Director and Chief Counsel for the Board of Healing Arts which may have been a response to this legislative action.

Dr. Carlson asked if any Board member would be willing to volunteer to serve on the PMP committee. Dr. Vern Otte indicated he would so volunteer. With no other Board members expressing a willingness to serve on the PMP committee, Dr. Carlson appointed Dr. Otte to serve on that committee. Dr. Carlson offered Dr. Otte any and all assistance he could provide if needed.

Dr. Barta then moved for the Board to submit the name of Jim Correll to the Governor's Office for consideration of appointment as the non-veterinary member of the Board to replace Mr. Coffelt. This motion was seconded by Dr. Painter and passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes. Dr. Hanson indicated he would forward a draft letter to Board members to be forwarded to the Governor's office regarding the re-appointment to the Board of Dr. Painter.

Board members then reviewed the printed standard procedure for approval of license applications. Dr. Painter moved to accept this as a standard procedure and this motion was seconded by Dr. Olson. This motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Board members then reviewed the application and accompanying interview information for a license applicant. By consensus of the Board, agency staff was directed to issue the applicant a conditioned license if the applicant accepted terms of a settlement agreement and order outlining specific terms of licensure issue. Mr. O'Hara was directed to attempt to contact the applicant and see if the applicant was willing to accept the Board's terms of licensure. If the applicant is available later this date, Dr. Olson and Mr. O'Hara will attempt to meet with the applicant.

Dr. Painter then provided Board members information regarding RACE standards and CE documentation. Dr. Painter indicated it would possibly create additional workload on agency staff if the Board adopted such standards as presently adopted by RACE. At this time, it was the consensus of the Board to leave the current issue of CE for veterinarians as is.

Dr. Skaer then led discussion regarding minimum standards for pain management in companion animals. After discussion, Dr. Skaer moved to amend KAR 70-7-1 to initiate adding regulations concerning pain management as indicated in the written information provided to Board members. Dr. Olson seconded this motion. This motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Carlson indicated he would be speaking at the KVMA Executive Board meeting on Sunday, June 1, 2008 in Manhattan and would update the KVMA regarding the proposal to amend regulations regarding pain management in companion animals.

Dr. Hanson then provided Board members with an update regarding case status ongoing activities and recently completed case briefings. It was the consensus of the Board to keep this as an ongoing agenda item for each Board meeting.

During the Director's report, Dr. Hanson had Mr. O'Hara provide Board members with the information recently received from Amber Mings of the Hutchinson Animal Shelter on micro-chipping. By consensus, Board members reiterated their position as taken at the January meeting that micro-chipping does not constitute the practice of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Carlson reminded Board Members of the next three scheduled dates for meetings of the Board. No Board Member indicated any conflicts with those upcoming dates at this time. Those dates are August 15, 2008, November 21, 2008 and January 28, 2009 at the Board office in Wamego.

Just prior to adjournment, Gary Reser, KVMA Executive Secretary joined the call. Dr. Carlson thanked Mr. Reser on behalf of the Board for his hard work this past legislative session. Mr. Reser indicated he was looking forward to meeting with some of the Board Members at the June Conference in Manhattan.

Having no other business to discuss at this time, this meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.